

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1544

Relating to transportation

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

SB 1544 includes broad policy changes related to the Oregon Department of Transportation, including requiring the agency to establish a transportation university, create a public performance database, assess training needs, centralize project delivery, repeal the Joint Committee on Transportation, and modify highway cost allocation and rail reporting statutes. It also included changes related to dismantlers and public transportation providers.

The –A7 amendment removes the broader agency governance, reporting, and structural provisions. As amended, the bill is limited to changes to motor vehicle dismantler certificate renewals and a modification to the definition of “qualified entity” for public transportation funding to include certain intergovernmental entities providing transit services on behalf of counties or federally recognized Tribes.

The fiscal impact of the measure is anticipated to be minimal.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 1544 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.